

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN VIRGINIA

July 1, 2008– June 30, 2009

How many children were reported as victims of abuse or neglect in Virginia?

During SFY 09 there were **47,571** children reported as possible victims of abuse and/or neglect in **33,405** reports completed by Virginia's city and county departments of social services

What were the outcomes of these reports?

There were **5,921** children in founded investigations. Founded means that a review of the facts gathered during an investigation met the preponderance of the evidence standard.

There were **7,791** children involved in unfounded investigations.

There were **33,859** children were involved in reports that received a family assessment. This means that a Child Protective Services worker completed a family services needs assessment with these families and developed a written safety plan if needed.

How many children died as a result of child abuse/neglect?

In SFY 09 there were **72 completed investigations** of child deaths due to abuse or neglect. **34** children died as a result of abuse or neglect and **29** of these children were age 4 years or younger.

What were the types of maltreatment in founded investigations?

In some reports, more than one type of maltreatment may have occurred. Of all the instances of maltreatment in completed founded investigations*:

- **56.32%** of the maltreatment was due to physical neglect, a failure to provide food, clothing, shelter or supervision to the child to the extent that the child's health was endangered.
- **25.39%** of the maltreatment was due to physical abuse.
- **13.80%** of the maltreatment was due to sexual abuse.
- **2.35%** of the maltreatment was due to medical neglect.
- **2.14%** of the maltreatment was due to mental abuse/neglect.

Who were the children in founded investigations?

AGE*

- **38.96%** of all victims in founded investigations were children aged 4 or younger.
- **39.59%** of all victims were children aged 5 -12.
- **19.28%** of all victims were children aged 13-18.

*The age of 2.20% of the victims was unknown.

RACE*

- **58.92%** of all victims were white.
- **30.56%** of all victims were black.
- **4.56%** of all victims were multiracial.
- **0.83%** all victims were Asian.

*The race of 5.14% of the victims was American Indian, Native Hawaiian or unknown.

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Fiscal Year	Founded Investigations	Unfounded Investigations	Family Assessments	Total Completed CPS Reports
2009	3,651	5,398	24,356	33,405
2008	3,857	5,853	22,761	32,471
2007	4,230	6,138	20,186	30,554

Central Registry Searches			CPS Hotline	
Fiscal Year	Total Searches	Matches	Fiscal Year	Calls
2003	135,167	807	2003	64,256
2004	136,539	643	2004	71,300
2005	151,293	820	2005	79,200
2006	155,967	786	2006	82,200
2007	156,799	815	2007	82,400
2008	161,041	834	2008	82,600
2009	159,597	334	2009	70,366